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5th July, 1979

To: Members of the Regional Fisheries
Advisory Committee;
(Messrs. T.A.F.Barnes; A.G.R.Brown;
T.M.Farrer; J.H.Fell; J.Johnson;
Mrs.W.Lomas; Wm.McKenna; R.A.Parkin;
L.B.Williams; Mrs.D.Wilson; Mr.G.Wilson;
and the Chairman of the Authority (G.Mann),
the Vice Chairman of the Authority
(A. Richardson) and the Chairmen of the
Local Advisory Committees (J.S.Bailey;
J.M.Croft; E.P.Ecroyd; W.F.Hobson;
R.D.Houghton) (ex officio))

Dear Member,

A meeting of the REGIONAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
will be held at 2.15 p.m. on THURSDAY 12TH JULY, 1979, in the
BOARD ROOM at DAWSON HOUSE, GREAT SANKEY, for consideration of
the following business.

Yours faithfully,

G. W. SHAW,

Director of Administration

A G E N D A

1. Appointment of Chairman.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. Minutes of the last meeting (previously circulated).
4. Proceedings of Local Fisheries Advisory Committees.

(A) Mersey and Weaver - 20th June, 1979.

[Recommendations in the following Minutes:

26. Minutes of the Last Meeting - Redundant
Reservoirs (to be considered under Item
No.10 of the Agenda).

31. Report by the Area Fisheries Officer on
Fisheries Activities].

(B) Derwent and West Cumbria - 25th June, 1979.

(C) North Cumbria - 26th June, 1979.

[Recommendations in the following Minutes:

39. Report by the Area Fisheries Officer on Fisheries Activities.

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40. Draft Netting Rights - River Eden - Carlisle City Free Boat Fishing Right].

(D) South Lancashire - 27th June, 1979.

[Recommendations in the following Minutes:

36. Minutes of the Last Meeting - Monitoring of Level of Radioactivity in Migratory Fish.

43. Stocks Reservoir].

(E) Lune, Wyre and Furness - 2nd July, 1979.

[Recommendations in the following Minutes:

43. Minutes of the Last Meeting - Populations of Goosanders and Mergansers.

47. Fishing Offences and Prosecutions 1978/79 (to be considered under Item No.9 of the Agenda)].

5. Appointment of Regional Fisheries Advisory Committee 1979/80.

6. Membership and Appointment of Local Fisheries Advisory Committees 1979/80.

7. Appointment of Fisheries Representatives on Local Land Drainage Committees.

8. Income from sale of Rod and Line Licences 1978.

9. Fishing Offences and Prosecutions 1978/79.

10. Disposal of Redundant Properties.

11. Any other business.

NOTE: Lunch will be served in the Members' Dining Room at approximately 1.00 p.m. The Menu for the day is enclosed and Members attending for lunch are asked to indicate their choice of main course to the Assistant on duty near the Members' Retiring Room.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
MERSEY AND WEAVER FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

20TH JUNE, 1979

Present: J. S. Bailey, Esq. (Chairman)
D. Bridgewood, Esq. R. Newton, Esq.
J. A. Shanahan, Esq.

24. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Mr. T. A. F. Barnes, Mr. A. Jones and Mr. G. Mann.

25. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME TO MEMBER

The Chairman welcomed Mr. D. Bridgewood to his first meeting of the Advisory Committee.

26. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

- (a) In relation to Minute No. 22 (Report by the Area Fisheries Officer on Fisheries Activities) the Area Fisheries Officer confirmed that the suspension of netting and transfer operations imposed due to the outbreak of perch disease within waters in the Authority's area was still in force, and would remain so until further notice.
- (b) In relation to Minute No. 23 (Redundant Reservoirs), members expressed concern that in all cases where an otherwise redundant reservoir could be utilised as a fishery, all reasonable steps should be taken for this to be done, Bow Lee Reservoir acquired by Middleton Anglers Association in the late 1960's being an example. It was explained that this matter had been the subject of a report to the Regional Committee on 30th April, 1979, (Minute No. 54) when certain principles in relation to the disposal of such properties had been approved. These principles had subsequently been approved by the Authority at the meeting held on 18th June, 1979.

RECOMMENDED:

That the circumstances of the acquisition of Bow Lee Reservoir and its use as a fishery by the Middleton Angling Association be examined by the Authority to ascertain whether similar arrangements might be made for the benefit of fisheries in relation to any of the Authority's redundant reservoirs.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 11th April, 1979, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

27. ROLE AND CONSTITUTION OF LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The Committee received a report which detailed the role and constitution of local fisheries advisory committees and particularly the constitution and membership of the present Mersey and Weaver Committee.

In relation to paragraph 4 of the report, and specifically the vacancy on the Committee resulting from the death of Mr. P. W. Jennings, it was reported that the Mersey and Weaver Anglers' Consultative Association had nominated Mr. Peter Neal of 16 Kingston Gardens, Hyde, Cheshire, to serve on the Committee as Mr. Jennings' successor.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the report be received.
- (2) That the Regional Committee be invited to confirm the appointment of Mr. P. Neal to the Committee.

28. LEEDS/LIVERPOOL CANAL,
TRANSFER OF MINEWATER FROM BICKERSHAW COLLIERY

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NCB were also currently considering a request for the transfer of all minewater to Westleigh Brook in view of the lesser impact on the river system compared to the canal.

29. INCOME FROM SALE OF ROD AND LINE LICENCES 1978

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30. FISHING OFFENCES AND PROSECUTIONS 1978/79

A report was submitted setting out the fishing offences and prosecutions undertaken by the Authority for such offences during 1978/79. The report also summarised the offences and prosecutions within the Committee's area during the same period.

The Area Fisheries Officer reported that on a recent spot check carried out by bailiffs within the area, 580 anglers had been approached and all were in possession of the necessary licence. Similarly a further check carried out during the weekend 15th/16th June revealed that only 2 anglers out of all 120 checked were not in possession of a licence at the time.

31. REPORT BY THE AREA FISHERIES OFFICER
ON FISHERIES ACTIVITIES

The Area Fisheries Officer presented his report on fisheries activities within the area since the last meeting of the Committee.

Commenting upon the development of fry at Hollingworth hatchery, he stated that investigations carried out in relation to the problems encountered at the early feeding stage, had revealed that the losses sustained had been due to overcrowding of the fry. Steps would be taken to ensure this did not occur in the future.

Delays in respect of advice sought and help requested from clubs were due to the present heavy workload on the limited existing staff, and absence of staff due to illness.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received.

RECOMMENDED:

That as a matter of urgency, the Authority give consideration to increasing the bailiffing staff in the Mersey and Weaver area in order to meet the increasing requests of angling organisations in that area for action and advice.

32. FUTURE FISHERIES POLICY OF THE AUTHORITY

In response to questions concerning the dissemination to angling associations of the policy to be adopted by the Authority in the future in relation to fisheries, it was explained that this matter was at present the subject of internal Authority discussion and would be presented to the Advisory Committee in due course.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
DERWENT AND WEST CUMBRIA
FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Item No. 4B

25TH JUNE, 1979

Present: W.F.Hobson, Esq., (Chairman)
 T.A.F.Barnes, Esq., J.M.Mawson, Esq.
 F.Bunting, Esq., S.G.Payne, Esq.,
 A.Gleaden, Esq., R.J.W.Slack, Esq.,
 G.N.F.Wingate, Esq.,

33. MR.P.J.LIDDELL

The Chairman paid tribute to Mr.Peter Liddell, former Chairman of the Authority, who died on 11th May, 1979. Members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

34. RETIREMENT OF MR.N.MACKENZIE, AREA FISHERIES OFFICER

The Chairman referred to the impending retirement of Mr.Norman Mackenzie, the Northern Area Fisheries Officer, and in expressing his appreciation of Mr.Mackenzie's services to fisheries wished him a long and happy retirement.

Members and Officers associated themselves with the Chairman's sentiments.

Mr.Mackenzie thanked the Chairman, Members and his colleagues for their support in the past and their best wishes for the future and introduced his successor, Dr.C.Harpley to the Committee.

35. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Mr.G.Mann and Mr.E.Young.

36. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

In relation to Minute No.25 (River Ellen, Aspatria - Pollution Incident) the Area Fisheries Officer informed the Committee that pollution referred to in that Minute had resulted from a blocked filter. This had subsequently been cleared and the Authority were now monitoring the river twice weekly. The river was still capable of supporting fish life.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 2nd April, 1979, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

37. BRITISH NUCLEAR FUELS LIMITED - PROPOSALS FOR ABSTRACTION FROM WASTWATER.

The Committee considered a report on BNFL's proposals for abstraction from Wastwater together with details relating to the existing fisheries and water quality and water abstractions generally.

The report explained that although three alternative schemes for impoundment had been proposed implementation of any of them was likely to have some effect on the pattern of flows in the River Irt and could also have some effect on the fisheries in that river, although the full significance of the possible impact on fisheries remained to be assessed. The effect on the range of flows preferred by salmon and sea trout for migration and which were suitable for angling would need to be carefully examined. Generally, it appeared that Scheme 1 which involved the construction of a weir of up to 3.4 ft in height, with an associated control gate for low flows and fish access, might be expected to have more impact on the fishery than the other schemes.

The Secretary of State for the Environment had, at the Authority's request, directed that the applications from BNFL, in respect of their proposed Wastwater development, should be referred to him. This would facilitate the holding of a combined Inquiry into both the Ennerdale and Wastwater proposals. At the Inquiry the Authority would have to give evidence on matters related to water management, which, inter alia, would include fishery matters.

During the full discussion of the proposals described in the report, hydrographs based on mean daily flows for each of the years 1968-1978 as recorded at the Authority gauging station at Gale Syke on the River Irt, situated downstream of the outflow from Wastwater, were shown to the Committee.

RESOLVED:

The Authority be informed that in the light of the evidence at present available, this Committee would be opposed to further abstraction from Wastwater by BNFL on the grounds of the likely detrimental effect on the fishery interests on the River Irt.

38. ARA/NWC WORKING PARTY ON "SALMON PROPAGATION IN ENGLAND AND WALES", IMPLICATIONS FOR REGIONAL HATCHERY POLICY.

Discussion took place on a report compiled by the Regional Fisheries Officer on the implications of a regional hatchery policy. The report was supplemental to and based upon the Working Party report submitted to the Committee on 16th October, 1978, (Minute No.6) and explained that unless there should be a dramatic and sustained upsurge in runs of salmon and sea trout which might be expected to restore stocks to a level comparable with that which prevailed in many rivers in the past, there would be a continuing need throughout the migratory fish areas of the region for the operation of hatcheries to support inter alia, reduced spawning from smaller runs of fish.

The matters detailed in the report were summarised as follows:-

- (i) The continued operation of hatcheries in the northern part of the region was necessary to augment natural spawning by seeding areas inaccessible to adult fish or unsuitable for spawning.
- (ii) Local hatcheries operated by angling associations could play a part in this work.

(iii) Wherever practicable, monitoring of the effectiveness of stocking was desirable.

(iv) There was considerable future scope for the rearing of trout for stocking reservoirs, alongside the migratory fish rearing operation.

RESOLVED:

That the report be received.

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41. OPENCAST COAL WORKINGS - PROGRESS REPORT

Following the report submitted to the Committee on 22nd January 1979 (Minute No. 17), the Committee received a further report giving details of the latest information in relation to the following sites: Mabel Plantation, Oughterside, Foxhouse and Moresby/Keekle.

42. REPORT BY THE AREA FISHERIES OFFICER ON
FISHERIES ACTIVITIES

The Area Fisheries Officer presented his report on fisheries activities within the area since the last meeting of the Committee.

Commenting upon the reported inaccuracies in the results of the recording of fish weighing 4 lbs, and under, occurring at the Yearl Weir Fish Counter, the Area Fisheries Officer advised the Committee that engineers were now working on the installation and it was hoped that the problem would soon be rectified.

43. WEED KILLERS - WEEDS GROWING IN WATERCOURSES

In response to questions concerning the weed killers for the elimination of aquatic weed growths, recently shown on T.V., the Area Fisheries Officer explained that the weed killer shown in the programme 'Tomorrow's World' was being developed by 'Weed Research' and consisted of an ordinary aquatic weed killer embodied in solidified strands which became entangled with the weeds, when used for their destruction. Weed killer was slowly released from the solidified material, and this acted upon the weed growths and eventually destroyed them.

This method of killing aquatic weeds was still in the experimental stage and, contrary to the view expressed in the programme, was not at the present time a commercially viable proposition. It was hoped however, that after further research, the process would become viable and open to commercial usage.

44. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 -
EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That because of the confidential nature of the following item the public be excluded from the meeting during its consideration.

45. FISHERY PATROL BOAT

Mr. Payne expressed concern that the fishery patrol boat was apparently unavailable to investigate the large number of nets set out at sea off the Workington coast.

The Area Fisheries Officer stated that the boat was always available to investigate cases of alleged illegal netting at sea provided that qualified staff were available to man the boat.

The Regional Fisheries Officer undertook to investigate the matter.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
NORTH CUMBRIA FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

26TH JUNE, 1979

Present: E.P.Ecroyd, Esq., (Chairman)
E.Cave, Esq. B.Irving, Esq.
T.Cousins, Esq. J.S.Marshall, Esq.
R.K.Nicholson, Esq.

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The Chairman then introduced Mr.Mackenzie's successor as Northern Area Fisheries Officer, Dr.C.Harpley to the Committee.

33. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Mr.T.A.F. Barnes, Mr.A.E.I.Bell, Mr.A.C.Findlay, Mr.G.Mann and Mr.Wm.McKenna.

34. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 3rd April, 1979, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

35. YORKSHIRE WATER AUTHORITY ROD AND LINE REGULATIONS.

The Committee received a report which detailed the rod and line regulations currently in force in the Yorkshire Water Authority area in relation to keep nets and landing nets.

36. FISHING EFFORT - SOLWAY ESTUARY.

The Regional Fisheries Officer reported on progress made in attempting to reduce the fishing effort on the Solway shores.

He had recently attended a meeting with the Scottish interests concerning irregularities in netting activities on the Scottish side of the Solway. The Scottish interests had undertaken to look into the matter but there was no further information to date. He had also discussed the matter with the Director of Salmon Fisheries for Scotland who in turn had taken the matter up with the Annan Fisheries Board, from whom a reply was awaited.

Until some action was taken by the Scottish representatives on the alleged irregularities and until a reply was received from them on the matters discussed, there was little point in holding a further meeting.

The Regional Fisheries Officer informed the Committee that he would again endeavour to get some clarification on the points raised at the meeting from the Scottish side.

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The Committee expressed concern that fines imposed by different courts for fishing offences were not consistent and it was explained that imposition of fines was a matter for a particular court alone. Magistrates Courts throughout the area had been supplied with copies of the fishery byelaws.

39. REPORT BY THE AREA FISHERIES OFFICER ON FISHERIES ACTIVITIES

The Area Fisheries Officer presented his report on fisheries activities within the area since the last meeting of the Committee.

In response to questions concerning the re-stocking of the River Petterill following a pollution caused by a tanker accident in 1969 the officers agreed to give this consideration. Members stated that very little stocking of this river had been carried out since the incident although the Penrith Angling Association had carried out some restocking in the last two years.

On Item 4 of the report, "predators", the Regional Fisheries Officer reported that earlier this year at the request of the Lune, Wyre and Furness Committee he had taken up the matter of predating goosanders and mergansers with the Nature Conservancy Officer at Grange-over-Sands and had been informed that the Nature Conservancy Council were of the opinion that this was not a serious problem. In the Council's view the feeding habits of these birds did not constitute a hazard to young salmonids, due to the relatively few breeding pairs in the north of England. This however seemed to be at variance with the check on breeding populations of these birds carried out by the bailiffs during 1978. The Council had been asked if they were willing to help with a check on breeding pairs and their populations in the areas of the Rivers Leven, Kent and Lune and had suggested that this could be undertaken by either themselves or by an appropriate University research department over a three year period under the supervision of the Council's chief scientific officer. The cost of such a survey would however have to be met by the Authority.

The RSPB were against the destruction of these birds as they also thought that they did not constitute a threat to fisheries due to their lack of numbers.

The Committee were of the opinion that help of the nature suggested by the Council should be sought forthwith to enable the facts to be properly established.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Authority authorise an investigation by a University under the supervision of the Nature Conservancy Council or by the Council itself into the populations of goosanders and mergansers and their impact on juvenile salmonids on waters throughout the region.

40. DRAFT NETTING RIGHTS - RIVER EDEN - CARLISLE CITY FREE BOAT FISHING RIGHT.

A report was submitted which detailed the current position in relation to the progress made by the Authority's Estates Department in establishing the ownership of the netting rights on the River Eden.

It was explained that in view of the restrictions presently imposed by the government upon public expenditure, the officers considered that before making any recommendation on the acquisition of the Carlisle City Boat Right or any others on the Eden at the present time, the attitude of the Authority should be obtained.

After full discussion, the Committee

RECOMMENDED:

- (1) That in the view of the Committee, it is essential for the protection of fisheries on the River Eden that the Authority acquire the Carlisle City Free Boat Fishing Right, on the understanding that this netting right will not be exercised by the Authority.
- (2) That in the opinion of the Committee it is considered essential for the maintenance and improvement of fisheries on the River Eden that the Authority acquire all netting rights on that river.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
SOUTH LANCASHIRE
FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

27TH JUNE, 1979

Present: R.D.Houghton, Esq., (Chairman)
T.A.F.Barnes, Esq. J.Clegg, Esq.
Dr.R.B.Broughton J.P.Lord, Esq.
A.G.R.Brown, Esq. R.H.Wiseman, Esq.

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36. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

In relation to Minute No.33 (Monitoring of Level of Radioactivity in Migratory Fish), it was reported:

- (i) That at the meeting held on 18th June, 1979, the Authority had approved an ex gratia payment of £50 to Professor Kershaw in respect of investigations carried out by him into radioactive levels in migratory fish in the sea in west coast regions.
- (ii) Dr.Broughton drew the attention of the Committee to research carried out into waste matter from Windscale atomic power station. The Committee was informed that constant monitoring by MAFF was carried out in the sea in this area along with the seas around the remainder of England and Wales. The results of these investigations were published and could be made available for the Committee.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Authority enquire into the precise investigations being conducted by MAFF into the discharges from Windscale to the sea and into the effects of the discharges upon the flora and fauna on the west coast of England; and that such information be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 4th April, 1979, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

37. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

It was reported that Mr. George Jones of 1 Caernarvon Road, Preston, Lancashire, had been nominated by the Lancashire Fisheries Consultative Association to serve on the Committee as the successor to Mr. T. A. Blackledge.

RESOLVED:

That the Regional Committee be invited to confirm the appointment of Mr. G. Jones to the Committee.

38. LEEDS/LIVERPOOL CANAL, TRANSFER OF MINEWATER FROM BICKERSHAW COLLIERY

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42. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AT WORTHINGTON RESERVOIRS

Further to Minute No.31 of the last meeting of the Committee requesting details of the regular checking of the lifebelts at all the reservoir sites in the Committee's area, it was reported that the Authority's Central Division had inaugurated a twice weekly inspection of all lifebelts consisting of removal of the cover (which automatically checked on the initiation of the warning device) and examination of the lifebelt and rope.

43. STOCKS RESERVOIR

On the morning of the meeting, the Committee had visited Stocks Reservoir. Consequently Members were anxious to know the present stage of any proposals to develop the reservoir as a trout fishery and requested that they be given the opportunity to make detailed comment on any proposals. A letter was circulated to Members from Professor Kershaw, setting out his previous involvement with fisheries research at the Reservoir.

The Officers explained that proposals were currently being formulated which would then be placed before the Committee for comment.

The Committee considered that their views should be made known now and taken into account before finalisation of the proposals, and confirmed that the reservoir should be developed primarily as a trout fishery, as already approved by the Authority, and that other potential uses should be subsidiary to the principal use (although accommodated) with this objective in mind.

RECOMMENDED:

That this Committee considers that in formulating the plan for the proposed development of Stocks Reservoir as a trout fishery:

1. The shoreline should be open only to anglers along the whole of the hatched line on the plan produced by the Regional Fisheries Officer.
2. In view of the danger of hooked flies cast by anglers, the general public should be restricted to a designated picnic area and to nature trails to be provided in conjunction with the Forestry Commission in the forest at the northern end of the reservoir to the east side of the road bridge.
3. Anglers' paths around the reservoir are unnecessary at the initial stage and can be made later as an improvement if desired.
4. The buoyed off section at the north-western end of the reservoir shown on the plan should be open for boat angling, but with a prohibition against boats landing or boat anglers going ashore or fishing from the bank in that section.

5. The provision of a safety boat is not considered necessary or justified provided that life jackets are supplied in boats.
6. The utilization figures envisaged by the Regional Fisheries Officer are considered far too low in view of the lack of good public trout fishing in the North West and the high density of population within a 30 mile radius of the reservoir. These factors will result in a much greater utilization than the level indicated by the RFO and the resulting requirement for increased stocking can be met from the increased revenue.

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
LUNE, WYRE AND FURNESS
FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
2ND JULY, 1979

Present: J.M.Croft, Esq., (Chairman)
R.A.Challenor, Esq. A.L.Harris, Esq.
J.H.Fell, Esq. G.Wilson, Esq.

40. MR.P.J.LIDDELL

The Chairman paid tribute to Mr.Peter Liddell, former Chairman of the Authority who died on 11th May, 1979. Members stood in silence as a mark of respect.

41. APPOINTMENT OF DR.C.HARPLEY, AREA FISHERIES OFFICER NORTH

The Chairman introduced and welcomed Dr.C.Harpley to the meeting, Dr.Harpley having been recently appointed Northern Area Fisheries Officer as successor to Mr.N.Mackenzie.

42. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Mr.T.A.F. Barnes, Mr.R.Barratt, Major N.J.Clarkson Webb, Dr.J.V.Dyer, Mr.R. Harper and Mr.G.Mann.

The Committee expressed regret at the recent illness of Mr.Barratt and requested that a letter be sent to Mr.Barratt conveying the Committee's best wishes for a speedy recovery to full health.

43. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

(a) In relation to Minute No.28 (Fish Counting Electrodes - Forge Weir, River Lune), the Area Fisheries Officer explained that the counter had been out of order due to a damaged cable caused by construction work on the new pumping station. The cable had been repaired and the fish counter was now fully operative. Trouble had also been experienced with the over sensitivity of the electrodes of the fish counter on the River Leven. This had been caused by an over adjustment of some 30%. A further adjustment had now been made and it was expected that this would rectify the situation. The counter would be kept under surveillance.

(b) In relation to Minute No.35 (Populations of Goosanders and Mergansers), the Regional Fisheries Officer reported that he had taken up the matter with the Nature Conservancy Officer at Grange-over-Sands and had been informed that the Nature Conservancy Council were of the opinion that this was not a serious problem. In the Council's view the feeding habits of these birds did not constitute a hazard to young salmonids, due to the relatively few breeding pairs in the North of England. This however seemed to be at variance with the check on breeding populations of these birds carried out by the bailiffs during 1978. The Council had been asked if they were willing to help with a check on breeding pairs and their populations in the areas of the Rivers Leven, Kent and Lune and had suggested that this could be undertaken by either themselves or by an appropriate

University research department over a three year period under the supervision of the Council's chief scientific officer. The cost of such survey would however have to be met by the Authority.

The RSPB were against the destruction of these birds as they also thought that they did not constitute a threat to fisheries due to their lack of numbers.

The Committee were of the opinion that help of the nature suggested by the Council should be sought forthwith to enable the facts to be properly established.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Authority authorise an investigation by an appropriate University in collaboration with the Nature Conservancy Council over a three year period into the populations of goosanders and mergansers and their impact on juvenile salmonids, on waters throughout the region, subject to the necessary funds being available.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 9th April, 1979 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

44. RESIGNATION OF MR.J.TAYLOR

It was reported that Mr.J.Taylor had informed the Authority that due to poor health he intended to retire from the Committee at the end of the 'Authority Year' in June.

Mr.Taylor had been nominated to the Committee by the Furness and South Cumbria Fisheries Association who had now nominated Mr.H.B. Whittam of 29 Lyndhurst Road, Ulverston, Cumbria, to serve on the Committee as Mr.Taylor's successor.

RESOLVED:

That the Regional Committee be invited to confirm the appointment of Mr.H.B.Whittam to the Committee.

45. TRIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR CANOEING ON RIVER LUNE AT HALTON DURING THE SALMON FISHING SEASON OF 1979.

A report was submitted which detailed the trial arrangements for canoeing on the River Lune at Halton during the salmon fishing season of 1979. The sum of £66 had been paid to the Authority on behalf of the canoeing interests in respect of fishing permit revenue estimated to be lost as a result of the arrangements, which allowed canoeing to take place on six dates during May, June and October, 1979.

The arrangements would operate on a trial basis during 1979 and would be reviewed at the end of the year.

46. INCOME FROM SALE OF ROD AND LINE LICENCES 1978.

Discussion took place on a report which summarised the income from the sale of rod and line licences during 1978. Numbers of licences sold showed increases in all groups except that of the salmon and migratory trout season licence. The greatest increase in the number of licences sold continued to be in the freshwater fish and eels group.

In relation to the Authority's application to MAFF for a new scale of rod and line licence duties, the Committee were informed that 42 objections had been received, the majority being from coarse angling associations and clubs. MAFF were currently considering the Authority's application in relation to these objections.

It was noted that the income from the sale of game fishing licences exceeded that from the sale of coarse fishing licences.

47. FISHING OFFENCES AND PROSECUTIONS 1978/79.

A report was submitted setting out the fishing offences and prosecutions undertaken by the Authority for such offences during 1978/79. The report also detailed the numbers of offences and prosecutions within the Committee's area during the same period.

The Regional Fisheries Officer reported that on a recent spot check carried out by bailiffs within the Mersey and Weaver area, 580 anglers had been approached and all were in possession of the necessary licence. Similarly, a further check carried out during the weekend 15th/16th June in that area, revealed that only 2 anglers out of 120 checked were not in possession of a licence at the time.

The officers were questioned on the rights of riparian owners under the provisions of the Theft Act, 1968, and it was suggested that in appropriate cases advice might be given to such owners by the Authority. After further discussion the Committee:

RECOMMENDED:

That if and when cases involving the theft of fish from private waters come to the notice of the Authority, then the riparian owner concerned be advised by the Authority of his right to take appropriate action against an alleged offender under the provisions of the Theft Act, 1968.

48. REPORT BY THE AREA FISHERIES OFFICER ON FISHERIES ACTIVITIES

The Area Fisheries Officer presented his report on fisheries activities within the area since the last meeting of the Committee.

In response to questions concerning net catches on the Lune estuary, the Area Fisheries Officer informed the Committee that only small numbers of fish had been caught during April and May. The returns for June had not at present been received.

Since the report had been prepared, it was intended to carry out improvements to Holmwrangle hatchery. These would include 'Rentokil' treatment of the roof which was however structurally sound.

49. LANCASHIRE CONJUNCTIVE USE SCHEME

It was reported that the first trial pumping through the tunnel took place on 21st June, 1979, during a period of relatively high level flow in the River Lune. On test, water had come down the tunnel at half the full rate.

Fish in cages had been placed at intervals in the Lune prior to pumping. These cages had been situated at intervals from the edit to further downstream. Several of these fish had died possibly as a result of free chlorine in the water from the first disinfection of the tunnel. Further tests had still to be carried out possibly within the next fortnight when monitoring of the situation would again take place. It was not expected that this problem would occur once the tunnel was fully in service.

The Area Fisheries Officer assured the Committee that he would take steps to ensure that the smolt screens at the intake were working satisfactorily.

At present a date had not been fixed for full operation of the scheme.

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NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITYREGIONAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE12TH JULY, 1979APPOINTMENT OF REGIONAL FISHERIES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE 1979/80

1. On 18th June, 1979, the Authority approved the membership of the Regional Committee for 1979/80 as set out in paragraph 4 below.
2. The membership of the Committee, in common with that of the other Standing Committees of the Authority, has been increased (by 4 to a total of 22) to reflect the recent increase in local authority representation on the Authority. Some of the local authorities have yet to appoint their representatives on the Authority and the Chairman of the Authority has been authorised to make the appointments to the vacancies on this and the other standing committees of the Authority, once the representatives are known.
3. The Authority have also agreed that the Chairmen of the five Local Advisory Committees should be ex-officio members of the Regional Committee.

4.

Nominated to the Authority by

T.A.F.Barnes	Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food
T.M.Farrer	" " " "
R.A.Parkin	Secretary of State for the Environment
Mrs.D.Wilson	" " "
G.Mann (ex officio)*	" " "
A.Richardson (ex officio)*	" " "
Mrs.W.Lomas	Greater Manchester County Council
L.B.Williams	Merseyside County Council
4 vacancies	Local Authorities
A.G.R.Brown)
J.H.Fell) Appointed as persons interested
J.Johnson) in fisheries in the area.
Wm. McKenna)
G.Wilson)
J.S.Bailey (ex officio)	Chairman Mersey & Weaver Local Committee
J.M.Croft (ex officio)	" Lune, Wyre & Furness Local Committee
E.P.Ecroyd (ex officio)	" North Cumbria Local Committee
W.F.Hobson (ex officio)	" Derwent & W.Cumbria Local Committee
R.D.Houghton (ex officio)	" South Lancashire Local Committee

*Note:

Mr.Mann and Mr.Richardson are ex-officio members of the Committee by virtue of their positions as Chairman of the Authority and Vice-Chairman of the Authority respectively.

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NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITYREGIONAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE12TH JULY, 1979MEMBERSHIP AND APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL FISHERIES
ADVISORY COMMITTEES 1979/80

1. During the course of the last Authority year, there have been certain alterations to the membership of the Local Committees with the approval of this Committee and at the present time there is a vacancy on the North Cumbria Committee.

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The Committee is invited to confirm these three appointments.

3. The existing memberships of the Local Committees are set out in the Appendix hereto, which the Committee is invited to confirm also.

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DGL4 OXG

B.Irving, 22 Moss Rigg, Morton, Carlisle, Cumbria.
J.S.Marshall, Little Cross, Appleby, Cumbria.
Wm.McKenna, 6 Spencer Street, Carlisle, Cumbria, CA1 1DA
R.K.Nicholson, Sleaston How, Kirkby Thore, Penrith, Cumbria.
2 vacancies

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J.M.Mawson, Stone House, Scales, Aspatria, Cumbria.
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NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITYREGIONAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE12TH JULY, 1979APPOINTMENT OF FISHERIES REPRESENTATIVES
ON LAND DRAINAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEES

1. The Constitution of the Land Drainage Advisory Committees provides for the appointment of fisheries representatives thereon and at the present time the members serving in that capacity are as set out below:-

<u>Advisory Committees</u>		<u>Fisheries Representatives</u>
Cumberland (2 places)	-	Mr. E. P. Ecroyd Mr. W. F. Hobson
Lancashire (1 place)	-	Mr. J. H. Fell
Mersey and Weaver (1 place)	-	Mr. J. S. Bailey

2. The Committee is requested to make the appointments for 1979-80.

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NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITY

REGIONAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

12TH JULY, 1979

INCOME FROM SALE OF ROD AND LINE LICENCES 1978

1. A summary of income from the sale of rod and line licences is attached as an appendix for the information of members.
2. The summary compares details of licences sold during 1978 with those for 1977. The actual number sold shows an increase of 9.08% and an increase in the amount of income of 35.95% for the same period. It should be noted that the licence duties for 1978 were increased by approximately 30% from the 1977 values. Numbers of licences sold show increases in all groups except the salmon and migratory trout season licence. The greatest increase in numbers sold continues to be in the freshwater fish and eels group.

INCOME FROM SALE OF
ROD AND LINE FISHING LICENCES
1978

Whole Area	1977 Value	Number	Amount	1978 Value	Number	Amount
Salmon Season	12	1,799	21,488.00	15.60	1,635	25,506.00
Salmon to 31st May	6	29	174.00	7.80	36	280.80
Salmon from 1st June	7	2,751	19,257.00	9.00	2,922	26,298.00
Salmon Season, reduced duty	5	611	3,055.00	6.50	657	4,270.50
Salmon to 31st May reduced duty	2.50	4	10.00	3.25	4	13.00
Salmon from 1st June reduced duty	3	511	1,533.00	4.00	575	2,300.00
Salmon 7 day	2	2,131	4,262.00	2.60	2,268	5,896.80
Total Salmon and Migratory Trout		7,836	49,879.00		8,097	64,565.10
Non-Migratory Trout Season	2	22,002	44,004.00	2.60	23,490	61,074.00
Non-Migratory Trout reduced duty Season	1	3,923	3,923.00	1.25	4,252	5,315.00
Non-Migratory Trout 7 day	0.50	12,163	6,081.50	0.65	12,655	8,225.75
Total Non-Migratory Trout		38,088	54,008.50		40,397	74,614.75
Freshwater Fish and Eels, Season	1	25,179	25,179.00	1.25	28,000	35,000.00
Freshwater Fish and Eels, Season reduced duty	0.50	4,776	2,388.00	0.65	5,431	3,530.15
Freshwater Fish and Eels, 7 day	0.25	4,027	1,006.75	0.35	4,609	1,613.15
Total Whole Area Freshwater Fish		33,982	28,573.75		38,040	40,143.30
Former Mersey & Weaver River Authority area						
Freshwater Fish & Eels Season	0.50	10,610	5,305.00	0.65	11,899	7,734.35
Freshwater Fish & Eels reduced duty	0.25	2,827	706.75	0.35	3,386	1,185.10
Total M & W Area Freshwater fish		13,437	6,011.75		15,285	8,919.45
TOTAL		93,343	138,473.00		101,819	188,242.60

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NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITYREGIONAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE12TH JULY, 1979FISHING OFFENCES AND PROSECUTIONS 1978/79

1. The total number of persons prosecuted by the Authority for fishing offences during 1978/79 was 390 compared with 778 in 1977/78. The reduction is mainly in licensing offences where the figure dropped from 521 to 203. The Authority's prosecution policy has undoubtedly had the effect of impressing upon anglers the necessity of possessing a rod licence. This is particularly noticeable in the Mersey and Weaver area. The Committee will note from the report on the income from the sale of rod licences (Agenda Item No.8) that there has been an overall 9% increase in the number of licences sold in 1978.
2. In the region, 46 persons were prosecuted for the use of illegal instruments, 141 for bye-law offences and giving false names and addresses and 203 for fishing without a licence. Action was taken on a further 217 cases which did not result in legal proceedings being instituted.
3. The level of fines imposed by the Courts has risen, the greatest increase occurring on conviction for the use of illegal instruments. There has been a 200% increase in the costs per defendant awarded to the Authority.
4. Attached is a summary, for the benefit of Members, of offences and prosecutions within the region during 1978-79. A more detailed report has been submitted to each local advisory committee on fishing offences and prosecutions within their area.

<u>Whole Region</u>	<u>1978-79</u>	<u>1977-78</u>
Total Offence Reports	607	1,194
Prosecutions	390	778
Not prosecuted	217	416
Fines	£ 8,425	£11,378
Costs awarded to Authority	£ 2,763	£ 1,798
Fees paid	£ 2,593	£ 2,566

Derwent & West Cumbria

Total Offence Reports	57	185
Prosecutions	36	98
Not prosecuted	21	87
Fines	£ 2,040	£ 2,356
Costs awarded to Authority	£ 403	£ 356
Fees paid	£ 1,034	£ 1,248

North Cumbria

Total Offence Reports	172	112
Prosecutions	87	47
Not prosecuted	85	65
Fines	£ 932	£ 686
Costs awarded to Authority	£ 373	£ 149
Fees paid	£ 15	£ 80

Lune, Wyre & Furness

Total Offence Reports	159	265
Prosecutions	123	216
Not prosecuted	36	49
Fines	£ 3,148	£ 4,968
Costs awarded to Authority	£ 1,033	£ 474
Fees paid	£ 1,004	£ 871

South Lancashire

Total Offence Reports	94	141
Prosecutions	68	82
Not prosecuted	26	59
Fines	£ 1,640	£ 1,223
Costs awarded to Authority	£ 384	£ 269
Fees paid	£ 237	£ 186

Mersey & Weaver

Total Offence Reports	125	490
Prosecutions	76	335
Not prosecuted	49	155
Fines	£ 665	£ 2,145
Costs awarded to Authority	£ 570	£ 550
Fees paid	£ 302	£ 181

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NORTH WEST WATER AUTHORITYREGIONAL FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE12TH JULY, 1979DISPOSAL OF REDUNDANT PROPERTIES

1. On 30th April, 1979, at the request of the Policy and Resources Committee, the Committee considered a report on the disposal or use of the Authority's assets which had ceased to be needed for their primary purpose. Particular reference was made to redundant reservoirs.
2. The Committee recommended that the principles set out in the report, and listed below, be approved:-
 - (1) The Authority must remove hazards presented by reservoirs, whether or not so required by an inspecting engineer under the Reservoirs Act, either by expenditure or remedial works or by safe abandonment or demolition of the reservoir.
 - (2) The Authority should not allow abandoned or disused reservoirs to become detrimental to the environment.
 - (3) If it is decided that the Authority should repair and maintain a reservoir for recreational or amenity use when it is not required for any operational purpose, the cost of so doing must be justified on recreational or amenity grounds.
 - (4) A surplus reservoir should only be retained as a body of water when it is safe to do so and any surplus reservoirs should be sold or transferred only to a public authority which is able and willing to undertake any necessary repairs and maintenance.
3. This recommendation was endorsed by the Policy and Resources Committee on 21st May, 1979, who recommended that the Authority approve as its policy that an Authority reservoir or other operational land should not be maintained for recreational or amenity purposes when it has ceased to be needed for its original and primary purpose and that the principles set out in (1) to (4) in para 2 above should be adopted in dealing with the disposal or continued use of surplus or defective reservoirs. This recommendation was approved by the Authority on 18th June, 1979.